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New group to tackle rising numbers of homeless on city's streets

By Eva Antoniadou

OXFORD should be doing enough to tackle the streets of Oxford in the message from a new group that will be set up to tackle the city's growing problem of homelessness.

A city-wide symposium brought together members of local government, homelessness charities and those who have experienced rough sleeping, to work on a joint up approach.

It is hoped a Rough Sleeping Charter for Oxford can be signed by April.

2018, with a budget of £15,000 to help it along.

They come to official street count figures released six months suggest the number of rough sleepers so say given night is expected to be almost double what it was last year, with the number rising from 47 in 2016 to as many as 90.

On the night of the count, 41 people were found to be sleeping rough, up from 22 in 2016.

Speaking after the event, Jonatan Brown, from social enterprise charity Aspire Oxford, said the bid

represented homelessness in her past. She said, "The aim is to find at the moment, as well as raise awareness and support social enterprises as the ones which are getting worse year on year."

Councillor Rob Price, leader of Oxford City Council, said, "The count does show the devastating impact of our housing crisis on the streets of our city."

"This is a crisis that needs action from central government, including leading group accommodation."

Speaking after the all day event at Town Hall on Thursday, he said he hopes a joint-up approach between local bodies will help street, leading from central government.

He added, "This is a matter of life and death. Life expectancy actually drops to 47 for men who are rough sleeping and 49 for women."

The aim of the new steering group, which will be an advisory to someone who has experienced rough sleeping, will also include businesses, academics and voluntary colleges, as well as students and the community.

Other measures discussed include the use of sports centres as shelter for homeless people.

Glenn Davies, chief executive of Homeless Charities said, "It's not just down to the council to look at solutions."

"We have a 10-bed hostel that provides not only overnight accommodation but sometimes hosts people for months."

"We also have over 100 beds in 10 properties in Oxford and Abingdon, so part of this is for people to leave what services are available to them."

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Westgate opening helps to improve footfall in centre

NOB figures show footfall in Oxford city centre is on the increase and the trend looks set to continue.

Oxford City Council says the number of people walking the streets is up by 2.1 per cent on the previous year.

It credits the trend will continue thanks to the opening of the £10m Westgate Centre shopping centre last month.

The council said the latest day was Saturday October 12, which attracted 146,473 visitors, about 30,000 more than on average Saturdays.

Westgate, anchored by a three-storey John Lewis department store and housing 113 new shops, cafes and restaurants, and five cinema screens, opened days earlier on October 24.

Cllr Bob Price, city council leader, said: "The latest footfall figures reflect a very strong positive momentum which has been greatly enhanced by the opening of Westgate Oxford."

"The continuation of this momentum, we believe, is most encouraging, as it demonstrates that businesses continue to be keen to take part in the city centre."

Although there are still empty retail outlets, the majority of new businesses have opened and the council is working with landlords.

Residents are asked to diversify in the city centre. Queens Head, Cornmarket and St Giles's Place, with Cornmarket the focal point.

Paradise for true lovers of chocolate

A BELLEVUE Chocolatier will be the latest business to open its doors in Oxford's Westgate shopping centre.

It is the company's first boutique in the UK outside London. Bellevue, which started in Belgium in 1974, offers chocolate lovers a range of products including its chocolate collection, an artisan chocolate shop and a chocolate bar.

The new boutique is the first of several set to open, across the centre over the next 12 months.

Cllr Price said: "The UK is one of the few major countries in the world that doesn't currently have a great national presence but we are an immense producer of it and opening these new boutiques across the country have always part of that plan."

"This coming year is set to be Oxford's biggest to date in the UK, and we can't wait for what is in store."

The store's interior takes inspiration from the history, shops and architecture of the chocolate collection and has used rich colours to create a luxurious feel.



No wonder these girls are happy - they work at Godiva in the Westgate

ImBrief

Lord Mayor's carols

THE Lord Mayor of Oxford's Annual Christmas Carol Concert will take place on Sunday, December 13, at Oxford Town Hall, at 8.15pm.

This year's event will feature the Oxfordshire County Youth Choir, emburyethers, Oxfordshire Young Singers, Oxfordshire City Choir, Oxfordshire City Choir and more.

The Lord Mayor of Oxford, Catherine Joan Paine, said: "This year we have the performance, interpreted in British Sign Language, marking of the 100th Anniversary of the Oxford Young Singers. Choir to make it even more special, do come and sing along with everybody else to make the Town Hall real for good reason."

Tickets cost £5. Bookings can be made online for the Carols for 2 and Carols for 4, at the Long Room, Oxford Town Hall, with proceeds to the Lord Mayor's Charities.

Dough-free baking

WILMINGTON Bakery, located at 1st Floor, Quaker, which opened at Westgate last month, has launched a series of dough-free cakes.

The restaurant, which served more than 100 customers and sold more than 100 cakes, has been launched, began the first of these cakes this month.

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Saddened by death of 'dedicated councillor'

By Eva Atkinson

OXFORDSHIRE are paying tribute to a councillor and friend who 'lived deeply' about the people of Oxford.

Jennifer Pegg, who passed away last week at the age of 63, is being remembered for her dedication to the city.

Oxford City Council leader Bob Price said Cllr Pegg, who was elected in October 2010, will be deeply missed.

He said: "We are all deeply saddened by the sudden loss of a woman who was a dedicated councillor - loyal, caring, determined and very hard working."

"She loved her heart and soul into local politics. She was a fierce supporter of women's issues and on the women's problems of poverty across the city."

The Labour councillor



Councillor Jennifer Pegg will be remembered for her heart and soul into local politics

she was involved in the City of Oxford charity and was a volunteer and trustee of the Oxford and Westgate school centre.

She was a retired publisher and a school governor. She had graduated with a BA in French and political science and was also in international relations.

Councillor Bob Taylor, who worked closely with Cllr Pegg for years, said: "Jennifer was a woman who did become the most dedicated of people of Oxford - she was their champion and the first voice."

"I felt a huge affection for her, and I felt shocked and saddened that we have lost someone so dedicated and hardworking."

Gordon Haddock, chief executive of Oxford City Council, said: "I knew Jennifer well and appreciated the way she worked hard things done for the community she will be deeply missed."

Join panel in discussion on all things Brexit

A PUBLIC panel discussion hosted by Oxford for Europe will be held on Friday, November 19, at the Oxford Town Hall.

The panel is to discuss all things Brexit and the Oxford Council's role in the city of Oxford and on October

of Common Good, Jennifer Paine, Oxford City Cllr, Prof. James Morris, Director of the Oxford Centre for the Study of the European Union, and the Oxford City Council's role in the city of Oxford and on October

delighted by the interest local business in this event as it is a key moment in our relationship with the UK. Information is required for the event, in the form of a paper. Visit www.oxfordfor.europa.eu to register and view the agenda.

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Aung San Suu Kyi stripped of city freedom honour

By Samantha McGregor

GLIMPS City Councillors removed the Freedom of the City from Aung San Suu Kyi.

The cross-party motion was unanimously supported at a special council meeting at Guildford Town Hall on Monday.

The former leader of Myanmar was granted the Freedom of the City in 1987 because she "reflected a valued tolerance and understanding" the council said.

But, Aung San has been criticised by world leaders for her failure to address allegations of ethnic cleansing in the country. Councillor Barry Clark, who proposed the motion, said: "We celebrated her for her opposition to oppression and military rule in Burma."

"Today we have taken the unprecedented step of stripping her of the city's highest honour because of her actions in the West."

opponents of the minority Rohingya population.

"The burning of their villages has been independently confirmed by satellite images, and the UN has called the situation a textbook example of genocide... yet Aung San has denied any violence, cleansing and displacement."

There was a large turnout of council members against Aung San's removal as the city's Freedom of the City.

"Clark has a long tradition of being a decent and honourable man and we regret that he has not been able to do so in this case."

"We hope that today we have added our small voice to others calling for human rights and justice for the Rohingya people."

It comes after St Hugh's College Oxford, renamed for poet, and mayor for Guildford, awarded her the Freedom of the City of Oxford in protest, saying he could not claim the honour which is also held by Aung San.



Armed forces veterans help light up Christmas

THOUSANDS of people flocked to Guildford town centre to celebrate the start of Christmas on the town.

A host of activities were staged by Guildford Town Council on Saturday as part of the Christmas lights event which culminated with the big switch on at 4pm, followed by fireworks.

There was a background musical, Santa's grotto, live bus parking and Christmas decoration workshop.

On stage there were police officers, fire service, British Air Corps, as well as gun teams, emergency

services, police dogs, Mayor Cllr John Clarke on stage outside the town council offices in Bridge Street, to press the button on the lights illumination.

They were accompanied by a band who carried in the Second World War by the Royal Tank Regiment, Lt Col. Captain Mark Smith, an Afghanistan veteran who was with the Royal Tank Regiment, Sergeant Steve Duffy, formerly of the 2nd Battalion The Grenadier Guards, who served in the Falklands and Northern Ireland, and former British Warlord

Colonel, Terry Foreman, who served in the Royal Tank Regiment.

Cllr Clarke said: "The Christmas lights switch on is a magical moment that people of all ages look forward to. It brings the festive season to the town and people enjoy the build-up and seeing the lights come on."

"It is also an opportunity every year to highlight local people who have served the community."

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Stamp duty axe is a drop in the ocean, says MP

OPPOSITION were split after the announcement that stamp duty would be used as a proportion up to 100,000 for first-time buyers.

This comes as Chancellor Philip Hammond announced this year's budget, but Wednesday, pledging to boost house building and offer incentives for first-time buyers.

And while the Oxford Road Conservation Area (ORCA) and local councillors MP Robert Curran welcomed the decision, Oxford Road MP Andrew Danks pointed out it is a "drop in the ocean".



Boost for driverless cars

THE UK could become a world leader in driverless cars, after the government promised extra money would be set aside for the "ground-breaking" industry.

Student-based Oxfordshire, a technology firm, welcomed the support from central government, saying autonomous vehicles will undoubtedly change society.

This comes after Chancellor Philip Hammond announced there would be regulatory changes and financial support solely for the UK's potential as the driverless industry.

Speaking after the announcement, Oxfordshire Tory Councillor David Smith said: "This support demonstrates that the government believes in the serious about ensuring the UK is at the vanguard place in developing autonomous vehicle technology. The ground-breaking research being undertaken by us here at

After the announcement, a report by the Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) suggested that first-time buyers could be made worse off, under the assumption that property prices will rise.

Labour MP Sir David Davies said: "OBR has suggested that the policy is not likely to enable three million first-time buyers to own their own homes, a drop in the ocean compared to the demographic we really need to see."

"It has also been suggested that the measure could drive up the cost of housing - which is the last thing we need to see here in Oxford."

The new measure announced last week means that for properties costing up to £100,000, no stamp duty will be paid on the first £100,000.

This means that buyers will be saving £1,000 on houses priced just over £100,000.

Mr Hammond said the most 10 per cent of first-time buyers would see stamp duty cut, while 10 per cent would pay none at all. (OBCA) was presented Mark Chapman said the move will



encourage home ownership, adding: "We're not looking at areas which are likely to be significantly addressed and individuals to receive this benefit at a national level are small."

Mayor NF Sir Cuthbert said the change will make a real difference for people in the area.

He said: "The reduction of stamp duty is a major boost for first-time buyers."

"We want to build a first-time buyer home, but we can't get any more. We need to build our own. That's why we are investing up to £15m in Oxfordshire to support an ambitious housing deal that will deliver 10,000 new homes in an area of high demand." Communities Secretary Sajid Javid



Chancellor would not be possible without funding from central government."

In the plans, the government set a target that will deliver 100,000 new homes, a target a business sponsor on UK roads by 2020.

The National Infrastructure Commission (NIC) will also help determine how future roadbuilding should adapt to support self-driving cars.

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"Oxfordshire is getting its act together to meet the real challenges of a growing economy and growing homes for the people of Oxfordshire, now and for future generations."

"There are a number of quality private companies with a credible plan for housing growth to get the cash."

"Longer term we need to produce a 'special plan' that

recognises the importance of planning for jobs, homes and transport for Oxfordshire as a whole."

"For the first time, the all-party group of Oxfordshire and the different groups within it and need to agree a vision for the future of the whole county that is in all our interests."

Oxfordshire County Council leader Sir Mark Pritchard



'£215m is a good start but more needed to build infrastructure'

By George Welch

THE government's £215million package towards housing, infrastructure and productivity in Oxfordshire doesn't go far enough, according to a district council leader who wants more investment to support homes.

Matthew Barber, leader of the Vale of White Horse District Council, believes the funds earmarked for infrastructure would only be a fraction of the total needed to support more homes across the county.

Speaking after the budget announcement last week, Mr Barber said: "While I welcome the investment from the government, I think we all recognise it doesn't really go far enough."

"Cities of infrastructure spending in Oxfordshire opened over five years in getting small areas of money compared with the level of housing we're looking to deliver."

"Oxfordshire needs to have a greater focus on a plan-led infrastructure and we don't want more here [the £215m] to be a plan-led plan. What this will deliver is less than five per cent of that."

The Vale is already planning to build



Vale of White Horse District Council leader Matthew Barber, Oxford West and Abingdon MP Layla Moran and Oxford City Council leader Rob Price have all welcomed the £215million for Oxfordshire

£2500 houses by 2025 but, according to the authority's leader, Rob Price, plans for increasing housing numbers unless we receive commitments to being infrastructure."

David Bird, Abingdon MP Layla Moran criticised how the £215m would be used. "I've not been able to get enough funding for the infrastructure to go with it."

Sheffield MP representative Jonathan Durrill told the BBC the £215m would be used as much as I would have liked."

Oxfordshire grew 30 per cent



between 2007 and 2011 - the fastest growing area in the country in each term."

Oxfordshire Philip Hammond said last month's budget, to announce the £215m package over the next five years to build homes and infrastructure in Oxfordshire.

It includes a commitment to the East West rail route between Oxford and Cambridge with the first train running in 2015 and money to speed up housebuilding across the county. Rob Price, leader of the Oxfordshire Growth Board and Oxford City

Council said: "It's huge opportunities for affordable housing and regeneration and what these funds are doing to tackling those is a very welcome way."

However Oxfordshire was already planning up to 100,000 houses as part of district council Local Plans, so last week's announcement could mean houses that previously rejected.

According to Oxfordshire Council, the city council's current development, somewhere between 40 and 60 per cent of houses have been funded, with a maximum of 5,000 homes yet to be situated.

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Walking 45 million steps in three months

OFFICE workers from Oxford, Bathford and the USA joined forces to charity walk millions of steps for charity.

More than 60 staff from the Oxford Phoenix Centre, a health science communication firm, and its branches in Philadelphia and Bathford walked a total of 45 million steps in a three-month challenge to raise the equivalent of walking the world end-to-end distance from Oxford to Bath and Oxford to Philadelphia more than five times.

The team raised more than £1,000 for Children's UK who support the One Million Steps challenge which took place between July and September.

People were challenged to push themselves out of their comfort zone by taking one million steps over three months and getting sponsored for every mile. Medical writer Lucy Antrobus walked more than 2.5m steps and made Oxford's US top 10 leader board for most steps taken.

Lucy said: "I walked everywhere for three months. I had time and thanks to this unique challenge walking is now a habit."

"Each culture has natural hours sitting down so this gave us an opportunity to get out of the house and encourage our steps around for a great cause."

Dr Clare Winchester, Oxford Phoenix Centre managing director, said: "I enjoyed walking my million steps - I encourage other local employers to take part next year."

Playscheme to take summer off

A PLAYScheme which has run for 12 years offering free summer fun for children across Dorset will take place in 2015.

Run by Lighthouse Theatre and Villages the initiative has grown year on year in welcome hundreds of children for the week.

Lighthouse is a partnership with churches in Aplebury, Thane, Hinton and the surrounding villages.

The scheme was launched in 2003 with around 100 children and 10 volunteers.

This summer 1,000 children attended the event and 300 people helped out.

But the Lighthouse committee has made the decision to cancel the playscheme for 2014 to enable members to concentrate on a review of its governance and administration. However other playscheme schemes in Dorset is a statement, the committee said: "The Lighthouse volunteer team wanted it to grow - not just in numbers but in fun, creativity and..."

many other ways too. The system set up 15 years ago now needs to be reviewed to make sure the success of Lighthouse continues into the future.

"Consequently, the Lighthouse committee has identified the need to refresh various elements of Lighthouse, including how the work itself runs and its administration."

"It is also time to set up new governance arrangements that meet the needs of a growing charity. This will involve a very significant amount of work, which needs to take the focus for the coming year."

"The committee has come to the difficult decision they are unable to run Lighthouse in 2014 at the same time as making these essential changes."

"It will mean there have to be very opportunity to be even better, while continuing to be the safe and fun environment that Dorseters love."

The statement said the disappointed and been taken lightly and that it had been given "unanimous support" by "key church leaders".

Schools among national top performers

THE schools in Dorsetshire featured in the Sunday Times' national ranking of top performing schools. Wykeham College in Dorchester third, while St Andrew and St Mark's in Bournemouth ranked number 10 in the top list for independent secondary schools.

in the south east. The girls school also rose in places in the national rankings in 10th overall.

The 10th edition of rankings, published last week, showed the 1,000 highest achieving schools in the UK, ranked by their latest examination results.

£1m appeal to help stop epilepsy death

By Samantha McGreger

A BANTAGE based charity has launched a One Million Appeal to help prevent sudden death in young people with epilepsy.

Charity Bantage Unrestricted Charities in Epilepsy (BUCOE) launched the four year project earlier this month with support from What's App and Facebook who is also the charity's patron.

Called Promote the campaign aims to raise £1m, as well as awareness of the condition, educate people and highlight how "we can help someone's life start by epilepsy next year".

BUCOE was set up by Jane Brown in 1995 after the death of her 16 year son Matt.

She said: "While the fight is not easy, we do not know that many of these sudden deaths are actually preventable, if people were being told about their risks."

"We are working tirelessly to help people with epilepsy. Their families and doctors need to know they can be helped to reduce their risk."

"By joining our fight through the Promote appeal, we can ensure everyone gets the support and drugs young people need."

"The charity calls every week in the UK 10 people who are dying with epilepsy while in the past 10



Jon Vennart, MD of Oxfordshire Epilepsy Learning Solutions, Ed Vennart, CEO of Bantage, the learning lead with Bantage and Jon Vennart.

years more than 10,000 people with epilepsy have died suddenly. For the last 10 years, we have been asking 10 year olds and 10 year olds to help us create a million steps of awareness in 2014, set ourselves a target to raise £1,000 for the appeal in their own memory."

The appeal said: "What happens to Charlie should not happen to anyone, and she believes he has left us our lives will never be the same. But we have vowed as a family to turn his death into something positive."

"By working with BUCOE we can help people with epilepsy and by supporting their Promote appeal, we truly hope many lives are going to be saved."

Mr Vennart said: "This appeal is such an important one both nationally and here in the local community. The fact that so many young lives are being lost each year, when BUCOE Action have tools and information to help people with epilepsy reduce their risk, is just not fair."

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Family support group holds its first fundraiser

FAMILY support group for young adults with autism has held its first fundraiser.

Organised by the new Green & Walsley family community group, 4000, the Christmas fair on Saturday is the group's first fundraising event.

Therapies at St John's Church, in Green, from 10am to 1pm, there will be a wheel of fortune, a raffle, a hot chocolate bar, a photo booth and a quiz.

There will also be activities for children including a play and play area.

Office manager Michelle Taylor said: "We have been providing vital support for families with young children on the Green and Walsley area for successfully following open access groups on a weekly basis. We are looking forward to welcoming families and young adults to the first 4000 Christmas Fair and to thank all of the local businesses that have provided great prizes for our raffle."

"We are hoping that fundraising events such as this will help to broaden our contact services as well as future proof the chance that we are already in place."

Students' coats campaign to help homeless keep warm this winter

By George Welch

CARDIFF college students are helping to raise up to £10,000 for the homeless by collecting old coats and jackets in their own town within the community business students at Abertawe University College in Wrexham campus launched the #StashCoats project as a module on their course.

The group is now aiming to get at least 100 donations of men's winter coats or jackets in time and post online by December 10.

Men's clothing was specifically chosen because it is usually they are in most need of coats and jackets.

The students are also looking to raise a message to the students, in order to ensure a real message to the homeless.

Business lecturer Tanya Lee, who is helping to oversee the project, said: "It is really important for our business students to get to grips with the real world and to see the impact of their work."

"It is incredibly proud of their commitment to the community which will help keep local business people warmer this winter."

The students will work with the



Cardiff Business (Business) charity to help distribute the clothing, while Wrexham business supports Abertawe University College.

Already the students have been asked to help local organisations, including three schools.

John Henson, deputy headteacher

at the Acreon School in Denbigh, said: "Wrexham School students are supporting the #StashCoats campaign as we have collected on a 10-week long list of business challenges."

"We had at this time of year in particular as an impact set have had to our level our community. We are hopeful we can help this enterprise back."

For anyone interested in donating, Adam & James are willing to collect suitable clothing donations.

Smaller clothing donations can be dropped off at their office premises in Wrexham at the Standard Way or at the Cardiff & Wrexham campus, on Saturday 10th, Monday 13th or Tuesday 14th.

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Oxford Bus Company's fleet manager and commercial director Luke Martin said the award was "a testament to the dedication and service of all our staff."

He added: "It is a tremendous honour to be voted as the best bus operator in the country and we are delighted to be able to continue to deliver the best possible service to our customers."



Oxford Bus Company's Luke Martin, fleet and commercial director and Ray Widdows, engineering director.

"We have received almost 100,000 votes from our customers and staff members in the past year to ensure we continue to deliver the best service."

The firm will get to meet the award winners at the National Bus Awards ceremony in London on December 14th.

Wildlife group has green advice for businesses

A WILDLIFE charity is leading the way to help businesses improve their green credentials.

Forbes & Co. Wildlife Trust, BRIGHTON, will lead a series of workshops on how to help businesses improve their green credentials.

The event, called 'Burning Down a New Leaf - Improving Businesses to Corporate Status'

Responsibility as a 100% - 100% place at the East Sussex School at Kew Park, Oxford, on January 21.

Tony Bennett, BRIGHTON's director of natural areas said: "A healthy natural environment is fundamental to all our lives and businesses. Green roofs, natural flood defences, urban superstreets, good air quality

healthy soils producing nutritious food, a sustainable supply of raw materials and local jobs are all part of the solution."

Speakers include Mike Perry, head of plan & Martin & Spencer and Simon Knox, head of sustainability at Forrester UK. For more information or to book a place visit www.brighton.org.uk

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Christmas Menu

On Arrival

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Starters

Roast pumpkin and charred onion salad (V)(GF)

Beerroot cured salmon, horseradish cream & toast.

Duck liver on brioche toast with shallot and whisky cream sauce

Festive parsnip soup with crispy bread (V)(GF)

Sweet potato, hris and spinach tart with cranberry and island salad (V)

Mains

Breast turkey with chipolata & bacon, sage & apricot stuffing, roasted potatoes & seasonal vegetables (GF)

Veggie: wellington roast red pepper, butternut squash, fennel cheese, chestnuts wrapped in puff pastry: drizzle/solar potatoes, spicy tomato sauce (V)

Roast cod, creamed chive, sprouting broccoli, asper & parsley butter (GF)

Smoked duck breast salad served with mushroom dressing & madeira and balsamic vinegar reduction and pickled mushrooms, spinach and crostons (GF)

Festive beef burger topped with a pulled pork & cracked black pepper, smoky bacon and melted brie, with fries, cranberry & BBQ ketchup and potato stew (GF)

Desserts

Christmas pudding served with crème anglaise

Salted caramel chocolate with fudge

Chocolate Mousse tart with Vodka Marinated Cherries

Pouch mulled wine pear with Christmas pudding ice cream and honey comb and chocolate truffle (GF)

Warm Sticky Toffee pudding with vanilla ice cream (GF)

A complementary glass of either Mulled Wine or Buck Fizz on arrival.

2 Course £15.95

or

3 Course £19.95

(Minimum of four people)

Terms and Conditions:

All menu choices must be pre-ordered a minimum of 10 working days in advance. For the set menu, each course choice must be accompanied by the guest name.

The deposit required is £5 per head for the set menu.

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Illustration poster artist/ regularly posted TV segments helping, heart-throb graphic's living spaces with M&M and striped blankets. Recently it's been two "valentine" stuck out there, which makes me and I took up the challenge of turning my own Willard's Zoo in Stanley in this year. I've been given a lot about flowers and having researched the various options for my own beautiful thoughts I would share my knowledge with a wide audience.

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If you ask a group of people what makes humans different from animals and why we developed into the species we are today, you'll get a vast array of responses. These will range from the biological – that we stand on our hind legs, use our hands to do other things than walk and we have opposable thumbs so we can use them to hold tools, put on clothes, pour tea – to the cultural – we have learned fire, we use tools and language, we feel empathy and we celebrate Christmas. And underpinning all of these is the human brain, and its incredible capacity to learn, remember, adapt and behave.

The brain is a marvel of evolution and discipline, how it works is one of the greatest challenges of the 21st century. How does it change over the course of your life, and respond to your genes, experiences and the pressing need to make you the person you are?

And in Oxford's Museum of Natural History which is free to visit, this month it's your last chance to see *The Brain Museum*, until 21 December (see page 10 and over) at which Oxford University scientists

exhibits show their thoughts about the mysteries of the brain looking at its development, chapter by chapter from before birth until old age – and offering insights into what it could mean for treating nervous system and mental health disorders.

In this exhibition you can compare the human brain with the brain of a cat, kangaroo, porcupine and other animals along the brain wall. Put two low the changes that take place will be seen throughout life, including the remarkable changes of new neurons and billions of connections in your brain make toddlers learn so fast, make teenagers' emotions so intense, and allow others to settle into middle age with relief.

It's long been known that fear tests our ability to think quickly to avoid danger, and to respond to stimuli stress, sleep and this is because of a gradually shrinking cortex, the brain's outermost layer. From age 40, your brain shrinks by five percent a decade on average, but there's still plenty of energy and learning power in which is brought from decline through physical exercise and new experiences. From age

60, the gaps between the folds in the brain's surface become increasingly larger as the brain shrinks in volume, particularly in the frontal cortex – and you can actually see this in the 3D-printed models of the brain of one of the scientists and her family members at different stages of life.

In the Scientific American magazine for this year, however, recent research showed that some older adults have a thickened brain cortex, and they perform more like young adults in memory tests. Because these people are more resistant to age-related diseases like Alzheimer's and dementia, they should begin to give researchers some clues about the genes that keep the brain functioning better for longer. A first step in developing a successful treatment of these conditions. And although the answers are likely to be a long time coming, because brain health also requires a healthy way of eating, keeping the mind and body healthy.

And here's a food for thought – when you feel happy it's due to certain chemicals in the brain and surprisingly scientists have shown that it is



an environment may not result in the happiness you expect because the neurons – or signalling cells – actually send most to the dopamine. So however delicious, however reduced our horizon by physical or mental capacity, we can all still feel happiness by looking ahead to a visit.

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